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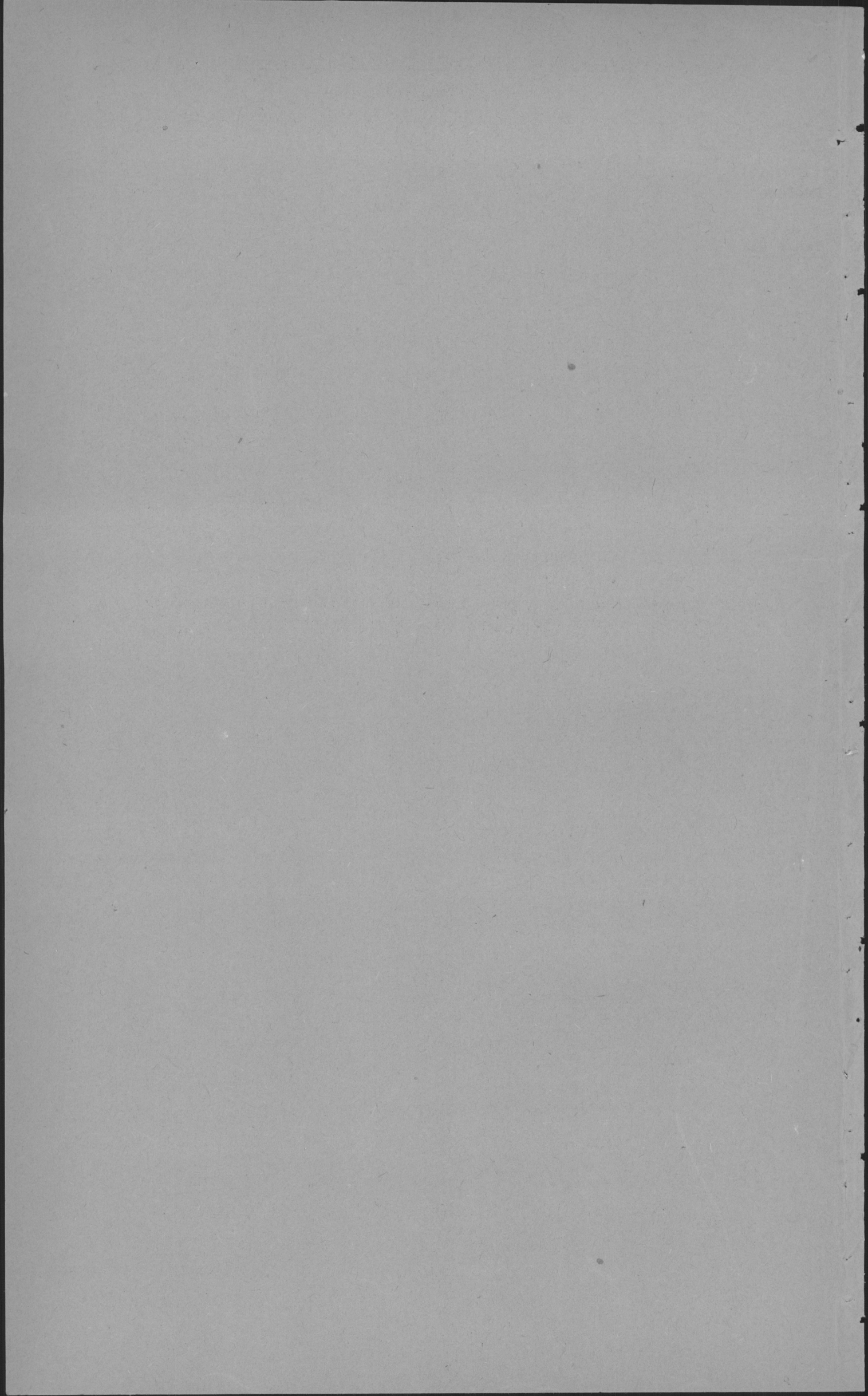


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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

Except where otherwise specified employment figures contained in this Bulletin are based on data obtained from the 1933 Census, the Civilian Register of 1943, the Occupation Survey of 1945, Annual Censuses of Factory Production, and returns from Governmental Authorities, together with Pay-roll Tax returns. Pay-roll Tax returns at present cover approximately 75 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed and are lodged by all employers paying more than £120 per week in wages (other than certain Commonwealth Government Authorities, religious and benevolent institutions, public hospitals and other similar organisations specifically exempted under the Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941-1954). This Act when originally introduced in 1941 required employers paying wages of more than £20 per week to lodge returns. The exemption limit was raised to £80 per week from 1st October, 1953. Prior to 1st September, 1954, when the present exemption limit was introduced, employment recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns covered approximately 80 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed.

The terms "Employment", "Number Employed", "Employees" and "Wage Earners" used herein are synonymous with, and relate to, "wage and salary earners" on pay-rolls or "in employment" in the latter part of each month as distinct from numbers of employees actually working on a specific date. They include persons employed part-time.



# PREFACE

The figures relating to employment published in this Bulletin are estimates. The Census of June, 1954, may show the need for some revision in the monthly aggregates. It is not anticipated, however, that any such revision will affect the trends shown by the figures in Tables 1 to 8. Some revisions will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 9 and 10. Tables showing employment in individual classes of factory are not published pending review.

2. Call-ups for short periods of National Service Training have occurred from time to time since August, 1951, and other variations occur in numbers of personnel in the Services. These are shown in item 4 below and in Table 4 page 3 thereof. Relevant figures are as follows:-

## TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA (EXCLUDING employees in Rural Industries and Private Domestic Service)

	1955		1956				
	July (c)	August	April	May	June	July	August
<b>MALES</b>							
1. In Private Employment	1399.9	1401.3	1424.3	1424.5	1421.1	1416.2	1414.3
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	28.2	30.8	31.3	31.6	31.7	31.7	31.5
Other	130.0	130.4	130.2	130.4	130.6	131.4	131.5
State and Semi-Governmental	372.8	372.0	374.2	376.1	377.0	376.8	377.2
Local Authorities	65.1	65.1	65.4	65.5	65.5	65.8	65.5
2. Total Governmental	596.1	598.3	601.1	603.6	604.8	605.7	605.7
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	1996.0	1999.6	2025.4	2028.1	2025.9	2021.9	2020.0
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	59.9	60.2	58.9	58.6	57.3	59.6	59.6
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2055.9	2059.8	2084.3	2086.7	2083.2	2081.5	2079.6

## FEMALES

1. In Private Employment	615.1	616.7	631.0	630.9	629.1	626.8	625.7
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	7.0	7.0	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.2
Other	37.8	37.9	38.7	38.8	38.7	39.2	39.3
State and Semi-Governmental	73.0	73.5	77.3	77.6	77.6	78.0	77.9
Local Authorities	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.2
2. Total Governmental	123.6	124.2	129.3	129.7	129.8	130.8	130.6
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	738.7	740.9	760.3	760.6	758.9	757.6	756.3
4. Defence Forces (Permanent and Oversea)	2.1	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9
5. Total, Civilian Employees and Defence Forces	740.8	743.1	762.2	762.6	760.9	759.6	758.2

## PERSONS

1. In Private Employment	2015.0	2018.0	2055.3	2055.4	2050.2	2043.0	2040.0
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	35.2	37.8	38.6	38.9	39.1	39.1	38.7
Other	167.8	168.3	168.9	169.2	169.3	170.6	170.8
State and Semi-Governmental	445.8	445.5	451.5	453.7	454.6	454.8	455.1
Local Authorities	70.9	70.9	71.4	71.5	71.6	72.0	71.7
2. Total Governmental	719.7	722.5	730.4	733.3	734.6	736.5	736.3
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	2734.7	2740.5	2785.7	2788.7	2784.8	2779.5	2776.3
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	62.0	62.4	60.8	60.6	59.3	61.6	61.5
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2796.7	2802.9	2846.5	2849.3	2844.1	2841.1	2837.8

(a) Comprises employees of the Departments of Air, Army, Navy, Defence, Supply and Defence Production. (b) Excludes rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training but includes non-enlisted personnel. (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

**TABLE 1 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES - AUSTRALIA**  
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
July	1947.3	(a)1996.0	2021.9	709.1	738.7	757.6	2656.4	(a)2734.7	2779.5
August	1949.3	1999.6	2020.0	710.5	740.9	756.3	2659.8	2740.5	2776.3
September	1953.1	2003.1		714.6	743.9		2667.7	2747.0	
October	1955.2	2001.7		718.7	747.8		2673.9	2749.5	
November	1964.8	2012.4		727.5	756.1		2692.3	2768.5	
December	1969.0	2012.9		731.9	758.2		2700.9	2771.1	
January	1968.1	(a)1990.7		724.2	752.2		2692.3	(a)2742.9	
February	1977.4	2018.8		732.8	759.4		2710.2	2778.2	
March	1986.2	2020.1		737.5	762.2		2723.7	2782.3	
April	1990.8	2025.4		736.0	760.3		2726.8	2785.7	
May	1995.4	2028.1		737.2	760.6		2732.6	2788.7	
June	2000.5	2025.9		738.5	758.9		2739.0	2784.8	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

**TABLE 2 : DEFENCE FORCES - AUSTRALIA**

(Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp) (a)  
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
July	61.5	59.9	59.6	2.0	2.1	2.0	63.5	62.0	61.6
August	61.5	60.2	59.6	2.0	2.2	1.9	63.5	62.4	61.5
September	60.8	60.1		2.1	2.1		62.9	62.2	
October	60.5	60.0		2.1	2.0		62.6	62.0	
November	52.5	51.9		2.1	2.0		54.6	53.9	
December	50.1	49.8		2.0	2.0		52.1	51.8	
January	60.1	59.9		2.0	2.0		62.1	61.9	
February	60.1	60.1		2.1	2.0		62.2	62.1	
March	57.9	58.4		2.1	1.9		60.0	60.3	
April	58.9	58.9		2.1	1.9		61.0	60.8	
May	59.1	58.6		2.1	2.0		61.2	60.6	
June	57.7	57.3		2.1	2.0		59.8	59.3	

(a) Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded.

**TABLE 3 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEFENCE FORCES AND TRAINEES - AUSTRALIA**

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
July	2008.8	(a)2055.9	2081.5	711.1	740.8	759.6	2719.9	(a)2796.7	2841.1
August	2010.8	2059.8	2079.6	712.5	743.1	758.2	2723.3	2802.9	2837.8
September	2013.9	2063.2		716.7	746.0		2730.6	2809.2	
October	2015.7	2061.7		720.8	749.8		2736.5	2811.5	
November	2017.3	2064.3		729.6	758.1		2746.9	2822.4	
December	2019.1	2062.7		733.9	760.2		2753.0	2822.9	
January	2028.2	(a)2050.6		726.2	754.2		2754.4	(a)2804.8	
February	2037.5	2078.9		734.9	761.4		2772.4	2840.3	
March	2044.1	2078.5		739.6	764.1		2783.7	2842.6	
April	2049.7	2084.3		738.1	762.2		2787.8	2846.5	
May	2054.5	2086.7		739.3	762.6		2793.8	2849.3	
June	2058.2	2083.2		740.6	760.9		2798.8	2844.1	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.



**TABLE 4 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA**  
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
(Thousands)

Month	Civilian Employees (excl. Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)									Defence Forces (b)
	Males			Females			Persons			
	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	
1939 July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	55.2	381.9	437.1	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	12.9
1941 July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	70.8	485.4	556.2	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	284.6
1942 June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	100.8	502.8	603.6	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	634.0
1943 June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	135.9	504.8	640.7	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	729.0
1944 June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	134.0	497.5	631.5	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	704.4
1945 June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	124.8	494.6	619.4	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	648.9
1946 June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	94.0	502.0	596.0	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	143.4
1947 June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	92.1	527.5	619.6	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	54.0
1948 June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	94.9	549.1	644.0	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	39.3
1949 May (c)	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	99.2	564.9	664.1	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	33.6
1950 June	554.3	1,304.4	1,858.7	107.7	580.5	688.2	662.0	1,884.9	2,546.9	33.7
1951 June	571.2	1,340.3	1,911.5	113.9	604.9	718.8	685.1	1,945.2	2,630.3	44.3
1952 June (d)	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	115.3	564.1	679.4	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	69.4
1953 June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	112.0	561.7	673.7	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	67.4
1954 June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
1955 June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
1954 July	582.1	1,365.2	1,947.3	115.4	593.7	709.1	697.5	1,958.9	2,656.4	63.5
August	582.4	1,366.9	1,949.3	116.0	594.5	710.5	698.4	1,961.4	2,659.8	63.5
Sept.	581.9	1,371.2	1,953.1	116.1	598.5	714.6	698.0	1,969.7	2,667.7	62.9
Oct.	581.1	1,374.1	1,955.2	116.5	602.2	718.7	697.6	1,976.3	2,673.9	62.6
Nov.	583.6	1,381.2	1,964.8	117.0	610.5	727.5	700.6	1,991.7	2,692.3	54.6
Dec.	584.7	1,384.3	1,969.0	116.3	615.6	731.9	701.0	1,999.9	2,700.9	52.1
1955 Jan.	585.8	1,382.3	1,968.1	116.2	608.0	724.2	702.0	1,990.3	2,692.3	62.1
Feb.	589.2	1,388.2	1,977.4	119.3	613.5	732.8	708.5	2,001.7	2,710.2	62.2
March	592.3	1,393.9	1,986.2	121.3	616.2	737.5	713.6	2,010.1	2,723.7	60.0
April	595.3	1,395.5	1,990.8	121.4	614.6	736.0	716.7	2,010.1	2,726.8	61.0
May	596.9	1,398.5	1,995.4	121.8	615.4	737.2	718.7	2,013.9	2,732.6	61.2
June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
July (e)	596.1	1,399.9	1,996.0	123.6	615.1	738.7	719.7	2,015.0	2,734.7	62.0
August	598.3	1,401.3	1,999.6	124.2	616.7	740.9	722.5	2,018.0	2,740.5	62.4
Sept.	597.5	1,405.6	2,003.1	123.7	620.2	743.9	721.2	2,025.8	2,747.0	62.2
Oct.	595.0	1,406.7	2,001.7	124.0	623.8	747.8	719.0	2,030.5	2,749.5	62.0
Nov.	595.2	1,417.2	2,012.4	124.9	631.2	756.1	720.1	2,048.4	2,768.5	53.9
Dec.	596.3	1,416.6	2,012.9	124.0	634.2	758.2	720.3	2,050.8	2,771.1	51.8
1956 Jan. (e)	595.3	1,395.4	1,990.7	123.9	628.3	752.2	719.2	2,023.7	2,742.9	61.9
Feb.	597.5	1,421.3	2,018.8	127.3	632.1	759.4	724.8	2,053.4	2,778.2	62.1
March	598.9	1,421.2	2,020.1	128.7	633.5	762.2	727.6	2,054.7	2,782.3	60.3
April	601.1	1,424.3	2,025.4	129.3	631.0	760.3	730.4	2,055.3	2,785.7	60.8
May	603.6	1,424.5	2,028.1	129.7	630.9	760.6	733.3	2,055.4	2,788.7	60.6
June	604.8	1,421.1	2,025.9	129.8	629.1	758.9	734.6	2,050.2	2,784.8	59.3
July	605.7	1,416.2	2,021.9	130.8	626.8	757.6	736.5	2,043.0	2,779.5	61.6
August	605.7	1,414.3	2,020.0	130.6	625.7	756.3	736.3	2,040.0	2,776.3	61.5

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (b) Includes members of Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded. (c) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. (d) See Preface on page 1 hereof as to effects of fluctuations in numbers of Defence Forces and Trainees since August, 1951. (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

**TABLE 5 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES, AUGUST, 1956**  
**STATES AND TERRITORIES**

(Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)						State and Semi-Govt. (a)		Local Govt. (a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Defence Group		Other		Total		M	F	M	F	M	F	P
	M	F	M	F	M	F							
New South Wales	9.4	1.1	46.0	14.3	55.4	15.4	135.0	26.1	26.6	2.9	217.0	44.4	261.4
Victoria	16.4	5.0	34.7	11.2	51.1	16.2	95.6	24.2	13.0	1.6	159.7	42.0	201.7
Queensland	1.2	0.2	16.6	4.6	17.8	4.8	56.3	7.7	17.2	0.9	91.3	13.4	104.7
South Australia	3.5	0.7	12.3	3.0	15.8	3.7	38.5	9.6	3.1	0.3	57.4	13.6	71.0
Western Australia	0.7	0.1	8.3	2.1	9.0	2.2	38.0	6.6	3.4	0.3	50.4	9.1	59.5
Tasmania	0.1	0.1	4.3	1.2	4.4	1.3	13.8	3.7	2.2	0.2	20.4	5.2	25.6
Northern Territory	0.1	..	2.4	0.6	2.5	0.6	..	..	..	..	2.5	0.6	3.1
Aust. Capital Terr.	0.1	..	6.9	2.3	7.0	2.3	..	..	..	..	7.0	2.3	9.3
Total, August, 1956	31.5	7.2	131.5	39.3	163.0	46.5	377.2	77.9	65.5	6.2	605.7	130.6	736.3
Total, July, 1956	31.7	7.4	131.4	39.2	163.1	46.6	376.8	78.0	65.8	6.2	605.7	130.8	736.5

(a) See note (a) to Table 4 on previous page.

**TABLE 6 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT**  
**STATES AND TERRITORIES**

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)  
(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)  
(Thousands)

State or Territory	June, 1950	June, 1951	June, 1952	June, 1953	June, 1954	June, 1955	June, 1956	July, 1956	August, 1956
<b>MALES</b>									
New South Wales	740.8	758.2	754.4	734.3	758.1	779.2	787.8	786.1	786.6
Victoria	510.7	525.8	524.4	521.6	539.7	556.7	564.2	563.1	561.3
Queensland	250.4	259.3	258.1	255.2	263.7	272.0	276.0	276.5	277.0
South Australia	165.7	170.0	171.5	170.6	176.0	178.7	184.5	183.5	182.5
Western Australia	120.5	125.3	126.0	130.2	135.0	136.4	135.5	134.6	134.7
Tasmania	58.4	60.2	61.0	61.8	62.8	64.0	64.4	64.6	64.4
Northern Territory	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.1	5.1
Aust. Capital Terr.	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.5	8.4	8.4
Australia:	1858.7	1911.5	1908.1	1886.8	1948.4	2000.5	2025.9	2021.9	2020.0
<b>FEMALES</b>									
New South Wales	278.5	290.9	270.5	266.2	279.5	292.5	300.2	299.5	299.2
Victoria	210.0	219.6	206.6	205.9	217.7	227.0	233.0	232.5	232.0
Queensland	83.1	86.1	83.8	83.7	86.1	89.3	91.2	91.3	91.6
South Australia	54.3	57.0	54.9	53.4	56.9	60.2	62.9	63.1	62.9
Western Australia	39.9	41.6	40.5	41.0	42.8	43.9	44.6	44.6	44.0
Tasmania	19.4	20.3	19.8	20.1	21.0	21.7	22.8	22.5	22.4
Northern Territory	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
Aust. Capital Terr.	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.1
Australia:	688.2	718.8	679.4	673.7	707.5	738.5	758.9	757.6	756.3
<b>PERSONS</b>									
New South Wales	1019.3	1049.1	1024.9	1000.5	1037.6	1071.7	1088.0	1085.6	1085.8
Victoria	720.7	745.4	731.0	727.5	757.4	783.7	797.2	795.6	793.3
Queensland	333.5	345.4	341.9	338.9	349.8	361.3	367.2	367.8	368.6
South Australia	220.0	227.0	226.4	224.0	232.9	238.9	247.4	246.6	245.4
Western Australia	160.4	166.9	166.5	171.2	177.8	180.3	180.1	179.2	178.7
Tasmania	77.8	80.5	80.8	81.9	83.8	85.7	87.2	87.1	86.8
Northern Territory	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.2	6.2
Aust. Capital Terr.	9.8	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.8	11.6	11.6	11.4	11.5
Australia:	2546.9	2630.3	2587.5	2560.5	2655.9	2739.0	2784.8	2779.5	2776.3



**II : EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS**  
**TABLE 7 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS**

**STATES - AUGUST, 1956**

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
 (Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (f)
<b>MALES</b>							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.2	5.6	5.9	1.7	2.5	2.1	26.3
Mining and Quarrying	29.8	4.7	9.6	1.7	8.0	3.1	57.5
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	292.9	225.3	75.5	69.9	34.5	20.1	718.2
Other (b)	27.5	19.1	10.6	2.5	2.5	0.7	64.2
<b>Total Manufacturing:</b>	<b>320.4</b>	<b>244.4</b>	<b>86.1</b>	<b>72.4</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>782.4</b>
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	76.8	52.2	37.0	20.6	14.5	8.8	212.9
Shipping and Stevedoring	17.0	11.6	9.2	6.0	4.8	2.4	51.3
Rail and Air Transport	40.0	22.1	23.1	10.0	11.4	2.7	109.7
Other Transport and Communication	60.9	39.2	24.0	12.7	9.0	4.5	151.0
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	23.9	18.6	8.4	5.1	3.9	1.5	61.6
Retail Trade	50.3	37.6	15.6	12.1	9.5	3.6	129.0
Wholesale and Other Commerce	50.8	42.5	21.7	15.2	14.7	4.6	149.7
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	37.0	28.6	11.8	8.1	7.4	3.8	100.9
Other Industries (g)	71.5	54.2	24.6	16.9	12.0	6.5	187.7
<b>TOTAL MALES:</b>	<b>786.6</b>	<b>561.3</b>	<b>277.0</b>	<b>182.5</b>	<b>134.7</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>2020.0</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>							
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	97.1	88.3	14.0	15.9	6.0	5.0	226.3
Other (b)	1.1	2.3	2.9	0.1	0.9	..	7.4
<b>Total Manufacturing:</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>233.7</b>
Rail and Air Transport	4.0	2.1	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	8.6
Other Transport and Communication (including Shipping, etc.)	11.7	9.5	4.6	2.8	1.5	1.2	31.5
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	18.4	11.8	4.7	3.4	2.3	1.0	41.8
Retail Trade	44.8	33.0	16.0	12.7	10.0	4.2	121.0
Wholesale and Other Commerce	17.8	12.4	7.1	4.2	3.4	1.0	46.1
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	11.2	7.4	4.6	1.8	2.0	1.0	29.7
Other Industries (g)	93.1	65.2	36.4	21.3	17.5	8.9	243.9
<b>TOTAL FEMALES:</b>	<b>299.2</b>	<b>232.0</b>	<b>91.6</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>756.3</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.3	5.7	5.9	1.7	2.5	2.1	26.5
Mining and Quarrying	30.1	4.8	10.0	1.8	8.2	3.2	58.7
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	390.0	313.6	89.5	85.8	40.5	25.1	944.5
Other (b)	28.6	21.4	13.5	2.6	3.4	0.7	71.6
<b>Total Manufacturing:</b>	<b>418.6</b>	<b>335.0</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>88.4</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>1016.1</b>
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	79.1	53.5	37.6	21.1	14.8	8.9	218.0
Shipping and Stevedoring	18.1	12.2	9.5	6.2	5.0	2.5	53.8
Rail and Air Transport	44.0	24.2	24.4	10.7	11.8	2.8	118.3
Other Transport and Communication	71.5	48.1	28.3	15.3	10.3	5.6	180.0
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	42.3	30.4	13.1	8.5	6.2	2.5	103.4
Retail Trade	95.1	70.6	31.6	24.8	19.5	7.8	250.0
Wholesale and Other Commerce	68.6	54.9	28.8	19.4	18.1	5.6	195.8
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	48.2	36.0	16.4	9.9	9.4	4.8	130.6
Other Industries (g)	161.9	117.9	60.0	37.6	29.0	15.2	425.1
<b>TOTAL PERSONS:</b>	<b>1085.8</b>	<b>793.3</b>	<b>368.6</b>	<b>245.4</b>	<b>178.7</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>2776.3</b>

For notes see page 8.

TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

## AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	July, 1955 <sup>ø</sup>	August, 1955	May, 1956	June, 1956	July, 1956	August, 1956
<b>MALES</b>						
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	26.9	27.1	26.7	26.9	26.6	26.3
<b>Mining -</b>						
Gold	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.8	9.9	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.2
Coal	28.6	28.5	26.7	26.9	26.9	27.0
Other (incl. Quarries)	12.3	12.2	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.9
<b>Total Mining and Quarrying</b>	<b>58.3</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>57.5</b>
<b>Manufacturing, etc. -</b>						
Factories (a)	712.2	716.2	723.1	722.2	719.9	718.2
Other (b)	62.4	62.0	63.9	64.1	64.2	64.2
<b>Total Manufacturing</b>	<b>774.6</b>	<b>778.2</b>	<b>787.0</b>	<b>786.3</b>	<b>784.1</b>	<b>782.4</b>
<b>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</b>						
Building (Privately employed) (c)	92.5	92.6	99.5	99.4	99.7	99.5
Other (d)	119.6	117.5	114.7	115.2	114.3	113.4
<b>Total Building and Construction</b>	<b>212.1</b>	<b>210.1</b>	<b>214.2</b>	<b>214.6</b>	<b>214.0</b>	<b>212.9</b>
<b>Transport and Communication</b>						
Road Transport	84.7	84.7	86.5	86.2	86.0	85.9
Shipping and Stevedoring	51.6	51.5	51.5	50.6	50.7	51.3
Rail and Air Transport	108.4	108.7	108.8	109.1	109.4	109.7
Communication	64.2	64.3	64.4	64.5	64.9	65.1
<b>Total Transport, etc.</b>	<b>308.9</b>	<b>309.2</b>	<b>311.2</b>	<b>310.4</b>	<b>311.0</b>	<b>312.0</b>
<b>Property and Finance, (incl. Banks and Insurance)</b>						
	59.5	59.5	61.6	61.7	61.7	61.6
<b>Commerce -</b>						
Wholesale Trade	123.5	124.0	126.9	126.8	125.9	125.5
Primary Produce Agencies	22.5	22.8	25.1	24.2	23.4	24.2
Retail Trade	128.8	128.8	130.1	129.9	129.5	129.0
<b>Total Commerce</b>	<b>274.8</b>	<b>275.6</b>	<b>282.1</b>	<b>280.9</b>	<b>278.8</b>	<b>278.7</b>
<b>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>100.7</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>100.9</b>	<b>100.9</b>
<b>Other</b>						
Law and Order	20.3	20.3	20.9	20.9	21.1	21.1
Religion and Social Welfare	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services	26.0	26.1	26.8	26.8	26.9	26.8
Education	38.7	38.8	40.6	40.8	41.2	41.1
Other Professional	13.1	13.2	14.3	14.5	14.8	14.7
Entertainment, Sport	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.4	18.4	18.8
Personal Service (e)	54.1	54.1	55.1	54.4	53.8	53.8
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>181.6</b>	<b>182.1</b>	<b>187.5</b>	<b>187.2</b>	<b>187.6</b>	<b>187.7</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1996.0</b>	<b>1999.6</b>	<b>2028.1</b>	<b>2025.9</b>	<b>2021.9</b>	<b>2020.0</b>

## FEMALES

Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<b>Mining and Quarrying</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>Manufacturing, etc. -</b>						
Factories (a)	224.4	225.6	228.8	228.3	226.7	226.3
Other (b)	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
<b>Total Manufacturing</b>	<b>231.7</b>	<b>232.9</b>	<b>236.2</b>	<b>235.7</b>	<b>234.1</b>	<b>233.7</b>
<b>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>Transport and Communication</b>						
Road Transport	9.1	9.0	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5
Shipping and Stevedoring	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Rail and Air Transport	8.4	8.4	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.6
Communication	18.7	18.8	19.4	19.4	19.5	19.5
<b>Total Transport, etc.</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>40.1</b>

For notes see page 8.

ø Affected by industrial disputes.



TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

## AUSTRALIA (continued)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	July, 1955	August, 1955	May, 1956	June, 1956	July, 1956	August, 1956
<u>FEMALES (continued)</u>						
Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)	38.1	38.2	41.8	41.8	41.8	41.8
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	39.5	39.8	40.7	40.4	40.2	40.1
Primary Produce Agencies	5.7	5.8	6.0	5.9	5.8	6.0
Retail Trade	121.7	121.3	123.3	122.9	122.4	121.0
Total Commerce	166.9	166.9	170.0	169.2	168.4	167.1
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	29.0	28.8	29.0	29.1	29.7	29.7
Other -						
Law and Order	9.4	9.5	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9
Religion and Social Welfare	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Health Services	73.9	74.2	77.3	77.6	77.9	78.3
Education	48.1	48.4	50.7	50.5	51.2	51.0
Other Professional	9.9	9.9	10.3	10.2	10.3	10.3
Entertainment, Sport	8.6	8.7	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.3
Personal Service (e)	69.3	69.6	70.7	70.2	69.5	69.6
Total Other	228.2	229.3	236.9	236.5	236.9	237.4
<u>TOTAL</u>	738.7	740.9	760.6	758.9	757.6	756.3

PERSONS

Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	27.1	27.3	26.9	27.1	26.8	26.5
Mining -						
Gold	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6
Silver, Lead, Zinc	10.1	10.2	10.6	10.6	10.5	10.5
Coal	28.8	28.7	26.9	27.1	27.1	27.2
Other (incl. Quarries)	12.8	12.7	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.4
Total Mining and Quarrying	59.4	59.3	58.3	58.5	58.4	58.7
Manufacturing, etc. -						
Factories (a)	936.6	941.8	951.9	950.5	946.6	944.5
Other (b)	69.7	69.3	71.3	71.5	71.6	71.6
Total Manufacturing	1006.3	1011.1	1023.2	1022.0	1018.2	1016.1
Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)						
Building (privately employed) (c)	95.3	95.4	102.3	102.2	102.5	102.3
Other (d)	121.7	119.6	117.0	117.5	116.6	115.7
Total Building and Construction	217.0	215.0	219.3	219.7	219.1	218.0
Transport and Communication						
Road Transport	93.8	93.7	96.1	95.8	95.6	95.4
Shipping and Stevedoring	54.0	53.9	54.0	53.1	53.2	53.8
Rail and Air Transport	116.8	117.1	117.5	117.7	118.0	118.3
Communication	82.9	83.1	83.8	83.9	84.4	84.6
Total Transport, etc.	347.5	347.8	351.4	350.5	351.2	352.1
Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)	97.6	97.7	103.4	103.5	103.5	103.4
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	163.0	163.8	167.6	167.2	166.1	165.6
Primary Produce Agencies	28.2	28.6	31.1	30.1	29.2	30.2
Retail Trade	250.5	250.1	253.4	252.8	251.9	250.0
Total Commerce	441.7	442.5	452.1	450.1	447.2	445.8
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	128.3	128.4	129.7	129.7	130.6	130.6
Other -						
Law and Order	29.7	29.8	30.7	30.8	31.0	31.0
Religion and Social Welfare	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
Health Services	99.9	100.3	104.1	104.4	104.8	105.1
Education	86.8	87.2	91.3	91.3	92.4	92.1
Other Professional	23.0	23.1	24.6	24.7	25.1	25.0
Entertainment, Sport	26.6	26.9	27.5	27.5	27.5	28.1
Personal Service (e)	123.4	123.7	125.8	124.6	123.3	123.4
Total Other	409.8	411.4	424.4	423.7	424.5	425.1
<u>TOTAL</u>	2734.7	2740.5	2788.7	2784.8	2779.5	2776.3

ø Affected by industrial disputes.

For notes see page 8.

NOTES TO TABLES 7 AND 8

- (a) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published annually in the Secondary Industries Bulletin. In this connexion, a factory is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more persons are employed, or in which power, other than manual, is used. The employees covered are those engaged in manufacturing activities and exclude those engaged in selling and distribution, etc.. Revision will be necessary in the estimates herein to numbers of employees in factories since June, 1948, within the above definition. A new series of returns was instituted as from January, 1952, which shows the same approximate trend as the figures herein since that date. A survey of the results obtained from this series is presented in Section III.
- (b) Includes employees in industrial establishments outside the scope of the definition of a factory (given in (a) above) and persons employed by factory proprietors but engaged in selling or distribution, etc., who are excluded from figures shown opposite "Factories".
- (c) Includes persons employed on private building, and employees of private employers contracting to public authorities, on building construction, alterations, maintenance and repairs.
- (d) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc., and employees directly employed by public authorities on building and maintenance of buildings.
- (e) Includes Hotels, Restaurants, Hairdressing and Other Personal Services (except female private domestics).
- (f) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
- (g) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health, Education, other Professional Services, Entertainment, etc., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, etc., excluding female private domestics). In respect of females only, also includes Forestry, Fishing, etc., Mining, Building and Construction.

III. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES

By joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, a regular monthly survey of employment in the larger privately-owned factories of New South Wales and Victoria was instituted in January, 1952. Practically all private factories with 100 or more employees and a large section of those with between 50 and 100 employees were surveyed.

The instruction as to employees to be included in the returns was as follows:- "The number of persons employed is to include all persons on the establishment of the factory who are engaged in the factory or on the factory office staff, providing their employment is directly related to manufacture", and further "..... the number of males and females (separately) employed in the specified factory or mill. These figures are to include factory office staff, but are to exclude selling and distribution staff". The figures obtained relate to the numbers on the pay-roll as at the last pay-day in the month.

The survey was instituted to provide an earlier indication of trend of private factory employment, month by month, than is available from any other source, and in fact the trends shown in employment in these larger private factories are broadly consonant with those shown in estimates of total private factory employment, derived from Pay-roll Tax Returns, for the periods for which comparisons are available.

Employment in food-processing factories is subject to considerable seasonal variation. In view of this circumstance, the movements in "all factories excluding food factories" are given equal prominence in the tables with those in "all factories surveyed".

The survey was extended to cover all States with effect from January, 1953. In Bulletins up to and including No. 152, totals were given for the original two States, for the three remaining mainland States and for the five mainland States together. The figures now shown in Tables 11 and 13 are totals for all six States.

An industrial analysis, showing movements in each of eight broad groups, is given in Table 15. In continuation of the earlier practice this table is confined to the five mainland States. At the present stage figures for Tasmania cannot be incorporated into this table in the same detail because of the risk of disclosure of individual factory particulars.

TABLE 9 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :

## SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1955 : July	377,256	115,364	492,620	+ 0.2	- 0.6	-
August	377,708	115,765	493,473	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
September	378,765	117,023	495,788	+ 0.3	+ 1.1	+ 0.5
October	379,826	117,443	497,269	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
November	380,489	117,240	497,729	+ 0.2	- 0.2	+ 0.1
December	379,042	118,148	497,190	- 0.4	+ 0.8	- 0.1
1956 : January (a)	374,687	116,116	490,803	- 1.1	- 1.7	- 1.3
February	377,073	120,181	497,254	+ 0.6	+ 3.5	+ 1.3
March	376,676	119,850	496,526	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.1
April	377,386	117,420	494,806	+ 0.2	- 2.0	- 0.3
May	376,946	116,378	493,324	- 0.1	- 0.9	- 0.3
June	* 374,525	* 115,394	* 489,919	* - 0.6	* - 0.8	- 0.7
July	* 373,240	* 114,447	* 487,687	- 0.3	- 0.8	- 0.5
August	* 370,971	* 113,854	* 484,825	- 0.6	* - 0.5	- 0.6
September	370,518	114,105	484,623	- 0.1	+ 0.2	-

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. \* Revised.

TABLE 10 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :

## STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed					Percentage movement in employment	
	1955		1956			July, 1956- Aug., 1956	Aug., 1956- Sept., 1956
	August	September	July	August	September		

## MALES

New South Wales	149,610	149,736	*149,110	*148,940	148,976	- 0.1	-
Victoria	112,251	112,923	110,950	*109,961	109,913	* - 0.9	-
Queensland	43,025	43,046	42,660	42,198	41,742	- 1.1	- 1.1
South Australia	42,280	42,489	40,410	40,042	39,980	- 0.9	- 0.2
West Australia	18,490	18,530	17,409	17,181	17,333	- 1.3	+ 0.9
Tasmania	12,052	12,041	12,701	* 12,649	12,574	* - 0.4	- 0.6
TOTAL	377,708	378,765	*373,240	*370,971	370,518	- 0.6	- 0.1

## FEMALES

New South Wales	46,151	46,980	*45,305	*45,180	45,658	- 0.3	+ 1.1
Victoria	44,453	44,801	43,944	43,758	43,880	- 0.4	+ 0.3
Queensland	8,853	8,850	8,604	8,597	8,580	- 0.1	- 0.2
South Australia	8,962	9,031	8,541	8,425	8,317	- 1.4	- 1.3
West Australia	3,640	3,681	3,516	3,479	3,558	- 1.1	+ 2.3
Tasmania	3,706	3,680	4,537	* 4,415	4,112	* - 2.7	- 6.9
TOTAL	115,765	117,023	*114,447	*113,854	114,105	* - 0.5	+ 0.2

## PERSONS

New South Wales	195,761	196,716	*194,415	*194,120	194,634	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Victoria	156,704	157,724	154,894	*153,719	153,793	- 0.8	-
Queensland	51,878	51,896	51,264	50,795	50,322	- 0.9	- 0.9
South Australia	51,242	51,520	48,951	48,467	48,297	- 1.0	- 0.4
West Australia	22,130	22,211	20,925	20,660	20,891	- 1.3	+ 1.1
Tasmania	15,758	15,721	17,238	* 17,064	16,686	* - 1.0	- 2.2
TOTAL	493,473	495,788	*487,687	*484,825	484,623	- 0.6	-

\* Revised.



**TABLE 11. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES  
SIX STATES**

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed, except Food Factories			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1955 July	323,753	100,156	423,909	+ 0.1	-	+ 0.1
August	323,799	100,442	424,241	-	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
September	324,106	101,497	425,603	+ 0.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.3
October	323,984	101,676	425,660	-	+ 0.2	-
November	324,807	101,602	426,409	+ 0.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
December	325,061	101,114	426,175	+ 0.1	- 0.5	- 0.1
1956 January	325,637	99,268	424,905	+ 0.2	- 1.8	- 0.3
February	325,498	100,524	426,022	-	+ 1.3	+ 0.3
March	325,649	100,976	426,625	-	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
April	326,362	100,561	426,923	+ 0.2	- 0.4	+ 0.1
May	325,159	100,153	425,312	- 0.4	- 0.4	- 0.4
June	*322,225	* 99,517	*421,742	- 0.9	*- 0.6	* - 0.8
July	*319,910	* 98,863	*418,773	- 0.7	- 0.7	- 0.7
August	*318,513	* 98,604	*417,117	- 0.4	- 0.3	- 0.4
September	318,297	99,322	417,619	- 0.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.1

\* Revised.

**TABLE 12. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES  
STATES**

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed excluding Food Factories					Percentage movement in employment	
	1955		1956			July, 1956	Aug., 1956
	August	September	July	August	September	Aug., 1956	Sept. 1956

**MALES**

New South Wales	135,565	135,725	*135,623	*135,527	135,506	- 0.1	-
Victoria	98,528	98,455	97,405	96,612	96,487	- 0.8	- 0.1
Queensland	25,604	25,796	25,258	25,297	25,391	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
South Australia	37,863	37,964	36,062	35,768	35,671	- 0.8	- 0.3
West Australia	16,153	16,094	15,135	14,866	14,860	- 1.8	-
Tasmania	10,086	10,072	10,427	10,443	10,382	+ 0.2	- 0.6
TOTAL	323,799	324,106	*319,910	*318,513	318,297	- 0.4	- 0.1

**FEMALES**

New South Wales	40,401	41,073	*39,834	*39,726	40,137	- 0.3	+ 1.0
Victoria	39,740	39,990	39,069	39,122	39,422	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Queensland	6,932	6,969	6,924	6,842	6,853	- 1.2	+ 0.2
South Australia	7,660	7,723	7,194	7,115	7,064	- 1.1	- 0.7
West Australia	2,799	2,831	2,713	2,691	2,728	- 0.8	+ 1.4
Tasmania	2,910	2,911	3,129	3,108	3,118	- 0.7	+ 0.3
TOTAL	100,442	101,497	* 98,863	* 98,604	99,322	- 0.3	+ 0.7

**PERSONS**

New South Wales	175,966	176,798	*175,457	*175,253	175,643	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Victoria	138,268	138,445	136,474	135,734	135,909	- 0.5	+ 0.1
Queensland	32,536	32,765	32,182	32,139	32,244	- 0.1	+ 0.3
South Australia	45,523	45,687	43,256	42,883	42,735	- 0.9	- 0.3
West Australia	18,952	18,925	17,848	17,557	17,588	- 1.6	+ 0.2
Tasmania	12,996	12,983	13,556	13,551	13,500	-	- 0.4
TOTAL	424,241	425,603	*418,773	*417,117	417,619	- 0.4	+ 0.1

\* Revised.

TABLE 13 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES - FIVE MAINLAND STATES

## INDUSTRIAL GROUPING

Industrial Group	Employment in Factories surveyed (5 States)				Percentage move- ment in employment	
	September 1955	July, 1956	August, 1956	September 1956	July, 1956- Aug., 1956	Aug., 1956- Sept., 1956
<b>MALES</b>						
1. Building Materials	34,165	33,659	33,300	33,306	- 1.1	-
2. Basic Metals	37,281	38,691	38,731	38,730	+ 0.1	-
3. Transportation Equipment	60,124	57,873	57,168	57,535	- 1.2	+ 0.6
4. Other Metal Manufactures	86,244	*82,838	*82,433	81,893	- 0.5	- 0.7
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	18,175	18,286	18,267	18,283	- 0.1	+ 0.1
6. Clothing and Textiles	32,216	32,545	32,625	32,578	+ 0.2	- 0.1
7. Food	52,690	51,056	*50,252	50,029	* - 1.6	- 0.4
8. All Other	45,829	45,591	45,546	45,590	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Total - All Groups	366,724	*360,539	*358,322	357,944	- 0.6	- 0.1
Total - Excluding Food	314,034	*309,483	*308,070	307,915	- 0.5	- 0.1

## FEMALES

1. Building Materials	2,950	2,986	2,962	2,961	- 0.8	-
2. Basic Metals	1,955	2,047	2,044	2,066	- 0.1	+ 1.1
3. Transportation Equipment	5,467	5,368	5,278	5,291	- 1.7	+ 0.2
4. Other Metal Manufactures	18,735	*17,166	*17,185	17,313	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	4,344	4,219	4,230	4,251	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
6. Clothing and Textiles	52,059	51,296	51,225	51,638	- 0.1	+ 0.8
7. Food	14,757	14,176	13,943	13,789	- 1.6	- 1.1
8. All Other	13,076	12,652	12,572	12,684	- 0.6	+ 0.9
Total - All Groups	113,343	*109,910	*109,439	109,993	- 0.4	+ 0.5
Total - Excluding Food	98,586	*95,734	*95,496	96,204	- 0.2	+ 0.7

\* Revised.

## IV. WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR

TABLE 14 : AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE EARNINGS (a) - AUSTRALIA

Index Numbers (Base 1945-46 = 1,000)  
Revised Series (Seasonally adjusted)

Year	Index Numbers		Quarter	Index Numbers	
	All Industries (b)	Manufacturing		All Industries (b)	Manufacturing
1945-46	1,000	1,000	1954 -		
1946-47	1,037	1,056	March quarter	2,491	2,552
1947-48	1,164	1,206	June "	2,477	2,534
1948-49	1,322	1,365	Sept. "	2,522	2,609
1949-50	1,451	1,505	Dec. "	2,524	2,588
			1955 -		
1950-51	1,742	1,810	March "	2,589	2,705
1951-52	2,145	2,213	June "	2,652	2,730
1952-53	2,350	2,394	Sept. "	2,689	2,767
1953-54	2,462	2,511	Dec. "	2,731	2,810
1954-55	2,572	2,658	1956 -		
1955-56	2,743	2,813	March "	2,749	2,819
			June "	2,801	2,857

(a) Includes salaries. (b) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.

**NOTE:-** The index numbers for "All Industries" and "Manufacturing" show the movement in average earnings over a period of time. They do not, however, give at any point of time, a comparison of actual earnings in the two groups.

The "All Industries" index is based on Pay-roll Tax Returns and other data. The index for manufacturing industries for the years 1945-46 to 1953-54 is based on the average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual factory returns. The figures subsequent to June, 1954 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

TABLE 15 : AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES

## INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following tables are based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each industrial group in each State is the arithmetical average of the rates of wage payable for classified occupations within that group. The figures for "All Groups" for each State and for each industrial group for Australia are weighted averages.

The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia of all industrial groups for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
<u>31ST MARCH, 1956</u>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	346	323	308	318	340	330	331
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	328	318	320	311	341	333	323
III. Food, Drink, etc.	333	334	305	323	330	344	327
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	314	315	321	321	326	312	316
V. Books, Printing, etc.	382	374	354	355	392	374	374
VI. Other Manufacturing	334	321	298	319	326	337	324
VII. Building	381	361	339	339	358	353	364
VIII. Mining (c)	338	335	319	303	360	325	336
IX. Rail and Tram Services	354	345	327	316	331	334	341
X. Other Land Transport	331	308	299	301	329	316	317
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	346	348	343	345	345	346	346
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	316	312	279	286	306	302	307
XIV. Miscellaneous	330	323	294	293	320	314	319
<u>All Groups (b) (f)</u>	349	334	320	318	341	342	337
<u>30TH JUNE, 1956</u>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	351	334	313	329	344	341	338
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	336	328	325	323	345	344	331
III. Food, Drink, etc.	337	343	310	334	334	355	334
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	324	326	332	332	337	324	327
V. Books, Printing, etc.	388	382	362	367	399	386	382
VI. Other Manufacturing	340	330	306	330	334	347	333
VII. Building	385	368	352	350	362	363	371
VIII. Mining (c)	345	343	327	315	360	336	343
IX. Rail and Tram Services	355	350	331	327	336	363	346
X. Other Land Transport	332	318	303	312	333	327	322
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	357	359	355	357	357	358	357
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	323	321	284	297	310	313	314
XIV. Miscellaneous	333	330	298	305	324	325	324
<u>All Groups (b) (f)</u>	354	342	326	329	345	354	344

(a) The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. (b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are those prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State and exclude district allowances in the gold-mining industry. (d) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are for occupations other than master, officers, and engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied. (e) Not available. (f) For March and June, 1956 the "All Groups" average weekly wage index numbers have been calculated by applying to the "All Groups" index numbers for December, 1955 the percentage movement from December to March, and June respectively, as shown by the index numbers for "All Groups, Excluding XI and XII."



TABLE 16 : AVERAGE NOMINAL HOURLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES, STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following table are based on average wage rates and hours of labour for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each State is the weighted average of the wage rates for each industrial group in the State. The average rate of wage for Australia is the weighted average of the wage rates for each State.

The base of each index number is the weighted average hourly wage for Australia for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Date	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (b)
31st December, 1938	109	98	109	92	111	94	104
" " 1945	136	133	133	124	138	127	133
" " 1946	146	143	142	132	141	137	143
" " 1947	168	153	139	152	155	149	158
" " 1948	192	188	179	183	190	184	188
" " 1949	206	204	196	197	208	198	203
" " 1950	248	244	228	234	250	239	243
" " 1951	300	290	268	279	300	287	291
" " 1952	338	327	308	322	342	326	329
" " 1953	346	336	316	327	352	341	338
" " 1954	349	340	325	332	353	345	342
31st March, 1955	355	344	328	335	356	349	346
30th June, 1955	355	348	328	336	363	350	348
30th September, 1955	356	351	331	336	370	350	350
31st December, 1955	365	355	334	337	370	350	355
31st March, 1956	368	358	336	337	372	355	358
30th June, 1956	373	367	342	349	375	368	365

(a) Weighted average hourly rates of wage for all industrial groups except Groups XI (Shipping, etc.) and XII (Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.). The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.  
(b) Weighted average.

## V. UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 17 : NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, STATES

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Act 1947-1954) which came into effect on 1st July, 1945. From June, 1951 onwards figures are as furnished by the Department of Social Services.

## Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each Month (a)

Month	N.S.W. (b)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	TAS.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1947 June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
1950 June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	228	1,226
1951 June (d)	246	32	263	3	50	10	457	147	604
1952 June	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	6,108	2,186	8,294
1953 June (e)	14,629	5,939	3,677	655	691	323	21,552	4,362	25,914
1954 June	2,810	1,203	1,657	79	225	109	4,360	1,723	6,083
1955 June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
1955 September	707	327	425	37	256	80	1,136	696	1,832
October	660	294	427	46	215	85	1,067	660	1,727
November	645	277	431	44	216	64	1,046	631	1,677
December	966	356	1,442	56	377	48	2,546	699	3,245
1956 January	1,322	359	2,561	46	414	40	3,958	784	4,742
February	1,937	341	3,371	55	374	50	5,217	911	6,128
March	2,245	350	3,268	64	536	31	5,448	1,046	6,494
April	1,789	566	2,223	88	683	30	4,230	1,149	5,379
May	1,848	760	1,562	141	989	36	4,037	1,299	5,336
June	2,325	1,412	1,270	319	1,606	71	5,395	1,608	7,003
July	3,073	2,515	909	494	2,082	91	7,239	1,925	9,164
August	3,119	3,129	809	706	2,304	110	8,274	1,903	10,177
September	3,220	2,949	792	674	1,871	108	7,828	1,786	9,614

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.  
(c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) From May, 1951 to September, 1952 the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet. (e) From October, 1952 the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

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